

# Joe Judge, Batted .380, Left Out in Weekly League Bowling

## Judge, Who Batted .380, Ignored By Official Guide

Youngster from Buffalo Who Played First Base for Nationals Late in Season Is Real Swat Leader of League. Gossip and Comment.

By WILLIAM PEET.

For some unexplained reason, the American League statistician failed to include in his list of American League batting and fielding averages the marks set by Joe Judge, the young first baseman of the Nationals, who joined the club during the fall end of the season and played his first game here on September 20.

Judge took part in eleven games, came to bat thirty-six times, and hit for .380, which should place him ahead of Ty Cobb, the leader of the American League. Cobb's mark was .370.

Players taking part in ten or more games are usually given a rating when statistics are compiled, yet Judge played in ten full games and part of another, and he is completely ignored. According to "Clark Griffith," Judge batted something like .415, but the figures compiled by the official scorer in Washington show that the Buffalo lad counted the ball for .380.

It was probably an oversight on the part of the American League statistician—but, just the same, Judge's name should appear at the top of the list. Local fans recall that Judge was in the game only a short while when he ran into the grand stand after a foul fly and sprained his ankle. This injury kept him out for several days.

In staging a ten-round bout at Ardmore between Champion Light-weight Freddie Welsh and Tommy Lowe for the afternoon of February 22, the promoters are bringing here one of the clearest boxers who ever pulled on a glove.

It has always been the cry of those who attend Welsh fights that the club failed to trot out first-class boxers.

The appearance of Welsh should stop this chatter, and if the show is not well patronized, the promoters cannot be blamed if they refuse to spend big money for future entertainments.

With the gathering of the National League magnates in New York this week the baseball mill will begin to hum in earnest. The schedules of the two major leagues will be set in a few days, that of the National probably on Wednesday, and the American League is likely to be made known one week later. It was officially announced some time ago that the National champions would start on April 12, but the other important break.

## BLETZER REFUSES TO ALLOW AL HERFORD TO PROMOTE BOUT

Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Al Herford, prize fighter promoter and famous as manager of Joe Gans, held a conference with Henry Bletzer, president of the American Athletic Association, here this afternoon. Herford endeavored to induce Bletzer to allow him to pull off the championship bout between Johnny Kilbane and Charley Davis next month.

The two men were in conference about ten minutes, after which Bletzer announced that he would promote the fight himself. Herford offered to bring up a purse of \$10,000. Kilbane to get \$5,000 and Charley \$2,000. Bletzer turned the offer down flat, saying he has been trying for many months to bring the two boys together, and now he intends to reap the benefit by staging the affair himself.

## EDDIE ROUSCH WILL PLAY WITH GIANTS

New York, Feb. 7.—The scheduled meeting of the National League opens at the Waldorf-Astoria tomorrow.

Percy Haughton, the new owner of the Braves, and George A. Rubeen, the owner of the Giants, are expected to arrive today. Haughton is carrying the dough-bag, and has given Stallings a free hand to purchase about four players to bolster up the Braves.

Eddie Rousch, star last year in the outfield for the Newark Federals, will play right field for the Giants during the coming season. The deal was closed in a matter of minutes when Harry Hempstead handed over \$20,000 for the player to Pat Powers.

Manager McGraw started after Rousch as soon as he received word of the deal. Rousch's injury to the club officials a few days ago learned that Robertson was in a bad way. This hastened the deal. Several other clubs were bidding for Rousch.

Rousch developed in Indianapolis and was one of the first players selected when Harry Sinclair invaded Newark.

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## Judge Landis Dismisses Federal League Suit

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The baseball war reached its end in the Federal Court today when Judge Landis dismissed without prejudice the suit of the Federal League against organized baseball.

All parties to the suit agreed that the action be dismissed.

Seward Janny, attorney for the Federal League club of Baltimore, appeared before Judge Landis and declared that club's consent to the dismissal of the suit "without prejudice." Janny, however, reserved the right to institute new proceedings at any time, setting forth its claims, but he made it plain to the court that whatever action the Baltimore club takes will not prejudice the interests of any of the other clubs of the league.

Janny made a statement to the court in which he said that Garry Herrmann, chairman of a national commission, had promised the Baltimore club ample remuneration for any damage it might suffer by reason of having been left out of the considerations when the peace pact was signed. The attorney stated that unless remuneration was forthcoming, a new suit would be instituted by the Baltimore club with all the other Federal League officials and those of organized baseball included as defendants. Janny said he did not desire to block the conclusion of the peace agreement, but he insisted that his client be heard later regarding its rights.

## Joe Turner Will Meet Louis Zeraga Tonight

Joe Turner, the middle-weight champion of the world, will try to throw Louis Zeraga, the local heavy-weight, at the Bijou Theater tonight twice in one hour or forfeit \$100 dollars. Since the first thought of the possibility of such a match, both these men began setting forth its claims, but he made it plain to the court that whatever action the Baltimore club takes will not prejudice the interests of any of the other clubs of the league.

Turner is noted for his science and speed, while, on the other hand, Zeraga knows just a little about the game and depends entirely upon his strength and head to get him through. Time and again the last named has thrown men

when it seemed impossible, and it is thought that his chances tonight of claiming the forfeit after the match are more than good.

One hundred crowds in the history of the game in this city is expected to be on hand, as it is the first appearance of Turner since last April, when he was defeated in the Peck benefit at a local theater.

P. F. O'Connor will be the third man on the mat tonight, and as he is a favorite among the local sport followers, this contest is expected to be complete. The match will be run off immediately after the regular performance.

Arrangements were completed over the long-distance telephone yesterday for a ten-round bout at Ardmore on the afternoon of Washington's Birthday, between Freddie Welsh, the light-weight champion of the world, and Tommy Lowe, the local iron man, who has met and defeated nearly every opponent he has faced since the inception of the Maryland Club.

News of this match was printed first in these columns last Saturday morning, when it was pointed out that Owner LaFontaine, of the Ardmore Club, and Manager Pollok, of Freddie Welsh, were sure to close the deal.

The appearance of Freddie Welsh in the Capital should pack the Ardmore Club to its doors, for it is the first time a world's titleholder has boxed before a Washington audience many years.

Details for the Welsh-Lowe fight have been completed with the exception of naming the referee. Billy Rocap, of Philadelphia, has been named, and the fight will be run off by the local promoters, Lowe and Welsh will battle ten rounds to a decision.

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